

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Some Facts About and Portraits of a Woman Detective Story Writer—Advice to College Aspirants—La Loie's Hand.

COLLEGE WITHOUT CASH.

How An Ambitious Girl Can Obtain an Education Without Money.

Practical Suggestions for Employment Which Will Accomplish This Result.

The poor but energetic young men who have worked their way through college and arrived at distinction are the heroes of many familiar stories.

The college girl is yet too new to herself and to others to have attained similar fame. Such girls, however, exist. A half-dozen girls work their way through Cornell every year. By this must be understood that they start in the Fall with absolutely no money and no friends to fall back upon. Some of these women

SOME DEFINITIONS.

New Woman.—A woman who has forgotten how to be a lady and has not yet succeeded in becoming a gentleman.

Critic.—A master of alliteration, rhetorical paradoxes and surprises in phraseology.

Statesman.—A national representative whose speeches satisfy his constituents.

Politician.—The man who controls the most votes with the least money.

Landlady.—A woman who is accomplished in culinary legendeism.

Park.—A pleasure ground where ugly animals in captivity are kept.

Shopper.—A connoisseur in bargain counters.

Merit.—Success.

Policeman.—A gentleman in uniform who

assists women to cross Broadway.

Belle.—A girl who says the least and looks the most.

Florist.—A man who keeps flowers on ice.

Musician.—A belligerent person with long hair.

Artist.—A person who executes nightmares.

Hustler.—One who begins at the tail of the procession and ends at the front of it.

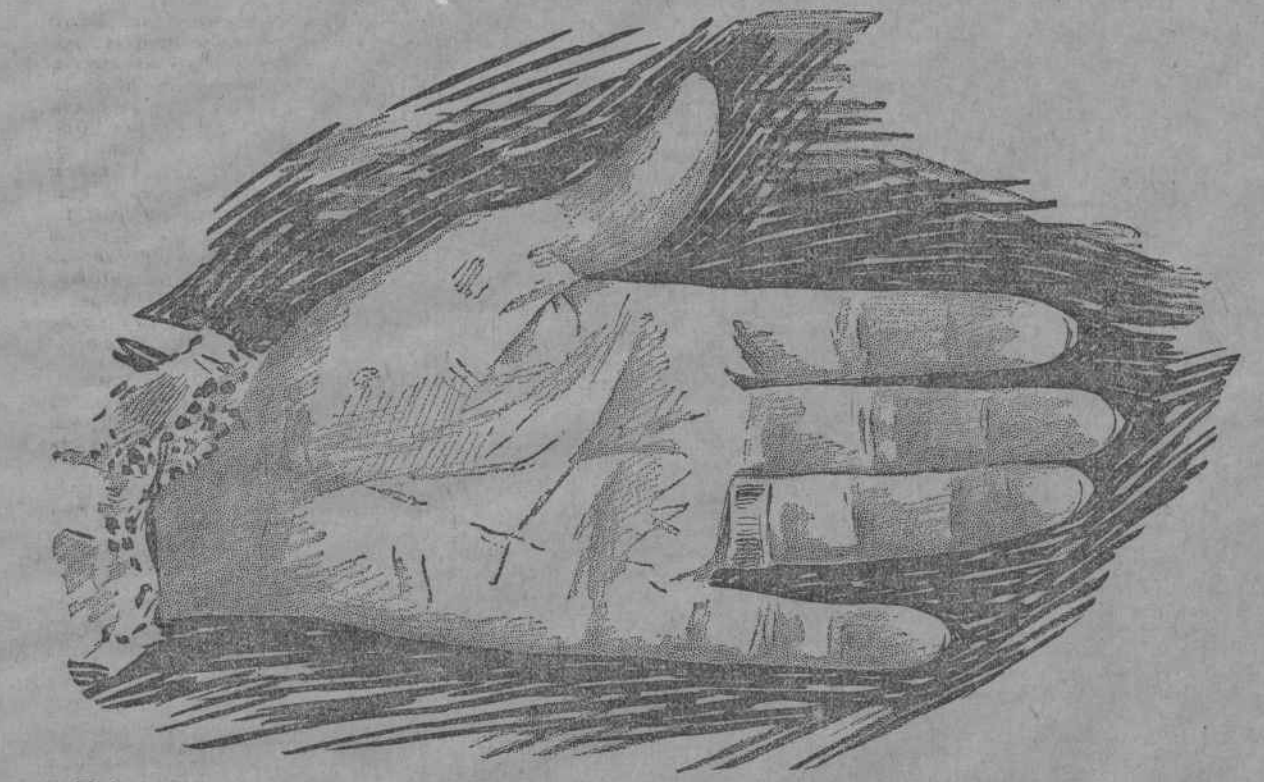
Elevator-boy.—A mild reader.

Easter.—The day on which women wear a new Spring bonnet.

Letter.—A medium of business, a tax on friendship and an evidence in breach of promise suits.

The ancient Babylonian custom of the priest tying a knot in threads taken from the garments of the bride and groom is the origin of the expression "tying the knot" in referring to marriage.

A READING OF LOIE FULLER'S PALM.



This hand prefers great struggles and disdains small contests. She examines things en masse. She can outstep the limits of her nature. She seeks excitement in energetic action. Her intensity has more root in her senses than in her heart.

She possesses mental charm. She is at once positive and enthusiastic, tender and austere, stoical and impassioned. She worships the beautiful in solid and visible form. She has the conception and grasping of details. She is obedient to her will, has gained honors, has vivacity of speech and travels extensively.

earn their board by assisting their landlady in her domestic labors after study hours. One girl earns her board and room rent by taking care of a boarder's baby three hours every day while the boarder, who is a music teacher, gives lessons to the pupils who come to her. There are in every college town families who will take students to board in return for domestic services rendered out of study hours or for lessons in certain branches in which the student is especially proficient.

Wellesley College, of which Mrs. Cleveland is a graduate, is an institution where it is possible for a clever girl to work her way without encountering unusual hardships. This college also offers a limited number of scholarships to applicants who stand in need and can, after passing the examinations, present satisfactory credentials. These scholarships vary in value from \$30 to \$100, and can be held for one year with the privilege of renewal.

At Vassar it is uphill work for a girl to support herself, earn her tuition and incidentally absorb a college course. There are a few scholarships and a loan fund, but a dozen applicants for every dollar of either. The best plan for a girl desiring to enter a college like Vassar or Wellesley is to earn a year's expenses before entering. This gives her an opportunity to look about for chances of employment and to do a year's good work without too much pressure on her nervous system.

Tutoring pays all the way from 50 cents to \$1 an hour in most colleges, and after the first year is a practicable method for increasing a narrow revenue. A girl who has a talent for making pretty hats and bonnets at a moment's notice will find her hands full as soon as her willingness to do the work is noted ahead.

Mending also pays well, especially the darning of stockings and putting on of fresh skirt braids—a thing every student dreads to stop and do. Dressmaking is a remunerative scheme, and at college consists rather in remodeling and freshening gowns than in the more difficult work of cutting and fitting. A girl who can tie stylish bows can add that accomplishment to her money-making list.

Manicuring, shampooing and massage treatment, if done cheaply enough, will bring in dollars and fifty-cent pieces, and in no way interfere with a girl's standing in college.

A bright girl, who is taking a course at one of the large colleges, found herself running short the first year and promptly converted herself into an express agent, planning her time so that she could go to the city twice a week to do shopping for the teachers and scholars. She registered at the stores and obtained 10 per cent on all purchases; she was also allowed so much a purchase by the students.

The great danger that menaces these bright, energetic girls is the possibility of overwork. It requires a great deal of self-control for a young, ambitious woman to realize that success comes only from hard work and yet to limit the work to her mental and physical powers of endurance. The only combination that is warranted to pull a student through to her graduating day is perseverance and common sense.

HE BELIEVED HIS MAMMA.

"Your coat is getting absolutely threadbare, Willie," said mamma, as she buttoned him into it. Ten minutes later she noticed Willie sitting in a corner examining his coat sleeve attentively. "What are you doing?" she asked.

Willie looked up. "I am looking for the little thread bears," he said.

EGGS BY THE GALLON.

Eggs are now imported into Great Britain from Russia, shelled, beaten up and preserved in hermetically sealed tins, from which they are drawn off through a tap.

Eggs in this condition are principally used by pastry cooks, and the advantages claimed for the system are freedom from damage in transport and long-keeping qualities. The tin or drum is packed with straw in a wooden case, and holds the contents of 1,000 to 1,500 eggs, the white and yolk being mixed together, poured into the drum and the aperture closed with a bung and sealed.

The heart gives wit, but wit does not give heart.

A BOY'S COMPLIMENT.

It was at a Narragansett hotel, where Mrs. Yznaga, the mother of the Duchess of Manchester and Lady Lister-Kaye, was spending the Summer. There was the usual crowd of children in the house, who were all gathered in their own particular parlor one rainy day playing a game the dramatist personae of which included a queen.

"So the queen went and stayed at a boarding-house," said one child, continuing her majesty's adventures. Another, with a more definite idea of the habits of royalty, expostulated. "Queens don't go to boarding-houses," she said.

"Mrs. Yznaga's here, and she's a queen!" retorted a little boy, triumphantly. And he really thought it.

SPRING STYLES FOR LITTLE WOMEN AND LITTLE MEN.

The tinner the tot the more lace her wrap must show, just as the smaller the child the bigger the hat must be, if she is to be in style. What mamma wears her wee daughter wears also, in modified form perhaps, but essentially the same. Such is the love of finery inherent in the American soul.

A pretty young matron with a daughter not over five years of age was heard to bit-

many who have had the benefit of travel keep their children free of frills, but for the multitude the little ones reflect the elders.

For the extremely young women, those under six, wraps of plique and silk are in demand. Plique has always the merit of simplicity unless overladen with lace. A novelty of the coming season is a loose front and back, fitted to a yoke. The back shows

recognize the fact, and before the Summer is past many others as well will see the beauty of a fair young face framed in the good old fashion. For the bonnet, though originally designed for the little ones, has already been seized on by those of older growth. So does the rule of imitation become reversed.

Up to the age of four full plain skirts are

worn. Even the fichu is reproduced, and, indeed, upon some models for younger girls. A charming gown recently completed is of Dresden organza over pink silk. The skirt is full and plain, the bodice one mass of frills and the sleeves large and bouffant. Withal it is far more childish than are many others, for the material is youthful. Grass linen, ribbon bound and ribbon

that have appeared on the Paris models of womanhood. Not one is lost. On the other hand, wraps are refreshingly simple. Red ruffled capes are popular, and are only rivalled by the short double cape, finished with gold braid and decked with small gold buttons. These two and the familiar reders are so popular as to put all other models hopelessly in the shade. The reders are



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THE TRAINED NURSE.

A Few Plain Facts About the Vocation of Nursing.

In the group were a nurse graduate, a senior from a city hospital, and a non-professional visitor.

"It is true that the work of trained nurses in active service is so exhausting that the majority break down in less than ten years," asked the visitor.

"I know nurses who have been on active duty for much longer," said the graduate; "but I also know a number who broke down early in their career. One who worked for a year without taking any rest between her cases was compelled to give up all work for two years. After every exhausting, protracted case a nurse should take at least several days' rest. Some chronic cases do not require constant watching or night duty, and rich people often seek the aid of a nurse for slight ailments. When wealthy families are out of town in Summer there are fewer calls for nurses."

"Some nurses improve in health during their hospital term," said the senior; "others show themselves unfit for the hard work in a few weeks. A nurse in training went insane on night duty. It was discovered that she had been an inmate of an asylum; yet she had brought a doctor's certificate that she was in good health. An applicant wrote that she was a cripple, but thought she would be strong enough; if admitted, she did not wish to wear the nurse's uniform. A college graduate applied for admission and wrote: 'I long to see the languid eye grow bright, the throbbing pulse grow regular at my approach and feel the fevered brow grow cool beneath my ministering touch.' There was no vacancy for her. Probationers who have thought only of the romantic aspect of the nurse's life are sometimes disgusted by the repulsive yet necessary work assigned to them, and decline to continue the course. One of my first duties as probationer was to comb the head of one of the filthiest creatures I have ever seen." A man who had been in hospital told a friend who thought of going there for treatment: "Don't do it. They'll wash you to death."

"Do nurses prefer private cases or hospital work?" asked the visitor.

"As a rule they prefer the hospital," said the graduate. "The hours are long, but regular, and everything is systematic. In private families the nurse is necessarily subject to the methods of the family, which may be very irregular. In the hospital she is one of many; she has her hours of recreation with her friends and classmates. In the private family she is often lonely. Many families treat the nurse most considerately; but others appear unaware that she is a woman of education and refinement. Many of our nurses are members of the best families. Southern women in reduced circumstances come North to the hospitals and are excellent nurses. Some rich girls take the course to make use of in church or other charitable work."

"How do nurses get their private cases?" asked the visitor.

"Each hospital has a registry for its graduates. Graduates from Blackwell's Island Training School register at No. 118 West Forty-third street, where there is a home for nurses. No nurse is obliged to accept a case; but refusal without good reason places her name at the bottom of the list."

"Isn't the suffering a great strain upon you?" asked the visitor.

"It is," said the graduate; "but we must not permit ourselves to be overcome by our sympathies. We see sin and sorrow as well as physical suffering. In delirium, or in ordinary illness, when the self-control is weak, patients sometimes reveal carefully guarded, pitiable secrets. The Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses has a pledge to avoid all gossip relating to private affairs of patients."

M. BOURCHIER SANFORD.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a diamond tiara in these days of frequent robbery. It is said that some women who are the possessors of valuable jewels have had them locked away in the safe deposit and are wearing duplicates made of paste.

PORTRAITS OF ANNA KATHERINE GREEN AT THREE PERIODS OF HER LIFE.

There may be persons so hardened as not to admit a love for detective stories, but it is to the credit of morality that these are few. It is one of the curious indications of the way in which our national literature has developed that the third of the three successful writers of detective

sition among women writers is held by Anna Katherine Green. Once asked about her literary methods and tendencies, she said: "My father, James Wilson Green, was a lawyer of Brooklyn, and in that way, I suppose, I became interested in crime and its unravelment. Partly, I suppose, I have a natural taste for solving

is usually when I am thinking the least about it. Perhaps I have been asleep, when suddenly, on awaking, there is the thing I have been particularly searching for."

Anna Katherine Green was educated at Ripley College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating in 1867. It was not until 1873 that "The



stories in this literary epoch is an American and a woman.

The reading public of Germany, Italy, France and England have held their breaths and argued at breakfast tables over the unravelment of "The Leavenworth Case," as they have done over stories of Gasparin and De Boisgobey. This unique po-

ble and dropped the end of the curtain into the bag. The bag covered the curtain for about a yard and was tied securely, though not tightly, in place.

"You see, Miss," the girl said, "these bags do for a double purpose. If I just want to sweep I can pass the sweeper about the bagged curtains without any danger of tearing the lace, and when the sweeping is over I take off the bags and carry them to John to shake in the back yard. But if I am going to give the rooms a regular clean-up, why, then I open the windows, and having bagged all the curtains, I lay the bags outside the windows or on the sills. That leaves the rooms all clear for sweeping, gives me a chance to air out thoroughly and does not injure the curtains either by having them whipped against the window casing or wrinkled."

SURPRISES OF TRAVEL.

A noble English lady who was over here several years ago, and who was entertained by a number of prominent New Yorkers, said one day to a countrywoman of ours:

"Everything here was such a surprise to me! Why, there are some houses where I have been in New York that are really very handsome."

"Yes," returned the other. "There are several that are fairly comfortable," and nobody even smiled.

CYCLING NOTES.

The indoor season for club riding is at most over, for with the advent of St. Patrick's Day, which is generally regarded the opening of the outdoor season, all expectant of the delights of riding in open air. The Madison Avenue Bicycle Club had its final ride on Monday eve in masquerade costume. The advantage floor practice during the winter shown by the execution of many pr figures. Some of the costumes were so full and some were grotesque, the most noticeable of the latter kind being an almost exact representation of Dr. Parkhurst, who, being somewhat of a wheelman himself, perhaps hardly deserved the caricature. The only approach to the rational style of costume was an imitation of a Zulu chief.

As surely as a wheelwoman is blessed by Providence with a male escort, she will be reproached by him for wearing a veil. Somehow this protection seems to be inconsistent with the athletic ideal. But the necessity for the majority of women wearing their hair when on the wheel is often overlooked.

No one begrudges the stout woman her wheeling exercise; and, indeed, all recognize that she ought to have every encouragement to indulge in it. But in the interests of the sport, which still has a few cynical opponents, and in her own self-respect, she ought to study how to adopt the most becoming costume. As a tight waist does not hide corpulence, it is better to avoid all semblance of disguise by wearing a waist with a blouse-like effect. Of course, in the place of the corset—which she ought, if she wishes to obtain the full enjoyment of riding, to forego—a bust girdle should be worn. She will then be very likely to achieve the reduction in weight which she probably desires.

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